

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12355–S12460

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2836–2840, and S. Res. 370. **Page S12413**

Measures Passed:

Supporting Civilians Affected by Conflict in Yemen: Senate agreed to S. Res. 341, supporting peace, security, and innocent civilians affected by conflict in Yemen. **Pages S12459–60**

Honoring Former Senator Paula F. Hawkins: Senate agreed to S. Res. 370, relative to the death of Paula F. Hawkins, former United States Senator for the State of Florida. **Page S12460**

Measures Considered:

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 359), Whitehouse Amendment No. 2870 (to Amendment No. 2786), to promote fiscal responsibility by protecting the Social Security surplus and CLASS program savings in this Act. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to). **Pages S12356, S12395**

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 361), Stabenow Amendment No. 2899 (to Amendment No. 2786), to ensure that there is no reduction or elimination of any benefits guaranteed by law to participants in Medicare Advantage plans. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having achieved 60 affirmative votes, be agreed to). **Pages S12391–95, S12396**

Withdrawn:

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 360), Thune Amendment No. 2901 (to Amendment No. 2786),

to eliminate new entitlement programs and limit the government control over the health care of American families. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment be withdrawn). **Page S12395**

By 41 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 362), Hatch motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the motion be withdrawn). **Pages S12356, S12396–97**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12356–S12408**

Lincoln Amendment No. 2905 (to Amendment No. 2786), to modify the limit on excessive remuneration paid by certain health insurance providers to set the limit at the same level as the salary of the President of the United States. **Page S12397**

Johanns motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Saturday, December 5, 2009, with the first three hours following any Leader remarks equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, and controlled in 45 minute alternating blocks of time, with the Majority controlling the first block, and with no other motions or amendments in order during the controlled time.

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National Women's History Museum Act—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 2129, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in the District of Columbia to provide for the establishment of a National Women's History Museum, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. **Page S12459**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David L. Strickland, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

William B. Sansom, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2014.

Judith Ann Stewart Stock, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—362) Pages S12395, S12396, S12396–97

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:31 a.m. and adjourned, in accordance with S. Res. 370, at 6:50 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12460.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 7, 2009.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for November 2009, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 7 through December 12, 2009

Senate Chamber

Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3590, Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: December 8, to hold hearings to examine Afghanistan, 1:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: December 9, Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine creating jobs in the recession, 2 p.m., SD–538.

December 10, Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine the Federal role in overseeing the safety of public transportation systems, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: December 10, to hold hearings to examine data-driven performance, focusing on using technology to deliver results, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: December 9, to hold hearings to examine research parks and job creation, focusing on innovation through cooperation, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

December 10, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold an oversight hearing to examine aviation safety, focusing on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety initiatives, 10 a.m., SR–253.